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SUBJECT: INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION
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1. ITALIAN DELOFF (CIARRAPICO) ASKED MISSION APRIL 11
WHEN US INTENDED TO CIRCULATE TO ALLIES THE INTERPRETIVE
STATEMENT THAT WOULD ACCOMPANY NON-CIRCUMVENTION PROVI-
SION (REF A). IN POSING HIS QUESTION, CIARRAPICO NOTED
BOTH US COMMITMENT TO CONSULT ON THE STATEMENT AND THE
UK REMARK IN THE NAC (PARA 4, REF B) THAT THE INTERPRE-
TIVE STATEMENT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED "BEFORE SIGNATURE OF
THE TREATY."

2. COMMENT: ITALIAN QUERY IS LOGICAL RESULT OF OUR
APRIL 5 PRESENTATION. UK, FRG AND FRANCE ARE, OF COURSE,
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ALREADY CLUED IN ON THE GENERAL LANGUAGE, BUT OTHER
ALLIES ARE LIKELY TO FOLLOW UP ON OUR APRIL 5 PRESENTA-
TION WITH SIMILAR QUESTIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE
WOULD PROPOSE TELLING ALLIES, IF ASKED, THAT THE BASIC
SUBSTANTIVE POINTS FOR THE INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT WERE
CONTAINED IN OUR APRIL 5 REPORT. WE ASSUME THAT WE
WILL CONSULT FURTHER AFTER THE NON-CIRCUMVENTION FALLBACK

LANGUAGE HAS BEEN TABLED AND ISSUE SETTLED IN GENEVA.
END COMMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO RESPOND TO ALLIED
QUERIES ALONG LINES DESCRIBED ABOVE AND/OR ADDITIONAL
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